

Massive Traffic Jam Easing In Blizzard's Wake

A massive blizzard that included southwestern Michigan in its onslaught over the weekend, left much of the area still partially paralyzed today. A modest six to seven inches

of wet, heavy snow were churned into dense drifts by fierce, shifting winds that hit peaks of 50 to 60 miles an hour. Hundreds of cars were abandoned in roadways in the area,

and thousands of homes were left without electricity for long hours until utility repair crews could dig their way to trouble spots through blocked roads.

Most school systems in Van Buren and Cass counties were closed today because of blocked roads. In Berrien county, only one school was reported closed and the Berrien County Road commission said all roads, except some subdivision streets and some rural gravel roads, were open.

Interstate-94 highway remained open through the storm from the Michigan-Indiana line to Kalamazoo. Traffic, however, was reduced to one-lane travel at times.

But beyond Kalamazoo to the east, I-94 was completely closed to Detroit. It remained blocked yet this morning between Chelsea and Jackson. The snowfall increased to the east of Kalamazoo, with as much as 19 inches of snow in the Jackson area. Drifts were reported up to 10 feet high in a few areas. An estimated 6,000 persons were snowbound along I-94 at the height of the storm in Washtenaw, Jackson and Calhoun counties.

Van Buren and Cass counties appeared to have been harder hit than either Berrien or Allegan counties in this area.

In Van Buren county, only a few east-west secondary county roads were open to any traffic at all this morning.

North-south roads generally were open to one-way traffic in Van Buren this morning. Gravel roads were described as doubly hazardous because of drifts and sudden moisture that reduced many of the roads to quagmires beneath the snow.

Cass county sheriff's officers reported that hundreds of motorists were stranded through that county, and that about 50 members of several snowmobile clubs hauled several persons to their homes or other shelter Saturday. The snowmobilers also took groceries and fuel oil to various rural homes cutoff by the storm. Four-wheel drive vehicles and snowmobiles were about the only transportation that could move in Cass county, the sheriff's department said.

Two unidentified farmers in Geneva township in Van Buren county pulled the patrol car of State Police Trooper William Johnson nearly a mile through drifted roads to enable the officer to pick up a snowbound woman and take her to a drug store to obtain critically needed medicine.

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Two Held In Wild Chase At Buchanan

BUCHANAN — Two men were taken into custody near here Saturday night in connection with an apparent attempted robbery at a drugstore in Indiana as the result of a high-speed chase by an off-duty Buchanan policeman.

Officers said Officer Joseph Kring was shot at four times as he pursued a car in his private vehicle. They said he started to chase the car containing at least two men, if not four, after hearing a shot and seeing two men running from near the drugstore.

According to police, Kring was in Roseland to meet a friend after work.

Police said none of the shots hit Kring or his car but that two shots he fired in return had struck the fleeing vehicle.

The high-speed chase over snow-slicked roads started at Don's drugs, Roseland, Ind., and ended near Buchanan when the fleeing car skidded into a ditch.

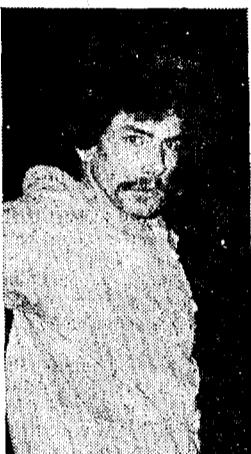
A manhunt by some 35 officers from seven departments turned up two men. Police said one was found hiding in a church and the second one in a pickup truck.

Police said arrested were Donald T. Mead, 19, of 1630 Huron drive, Niles, and James E. Schultz, 23, US-31 North, South Bend, Ind. Police said Schultz was owner of the car.

Mead was held in Niles city jail pending arraignment on charges of fugitive on armed robbery, breaking and entering and carrying a concealed weapon. Schultz was in Buchanan city jail on charge of fugitive on armed robbery. Both face extradition to Indiana.

Police said one or two others are believed involved. They theorized they may have been

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JAMES E. SCHULTZ
Arrested in truck

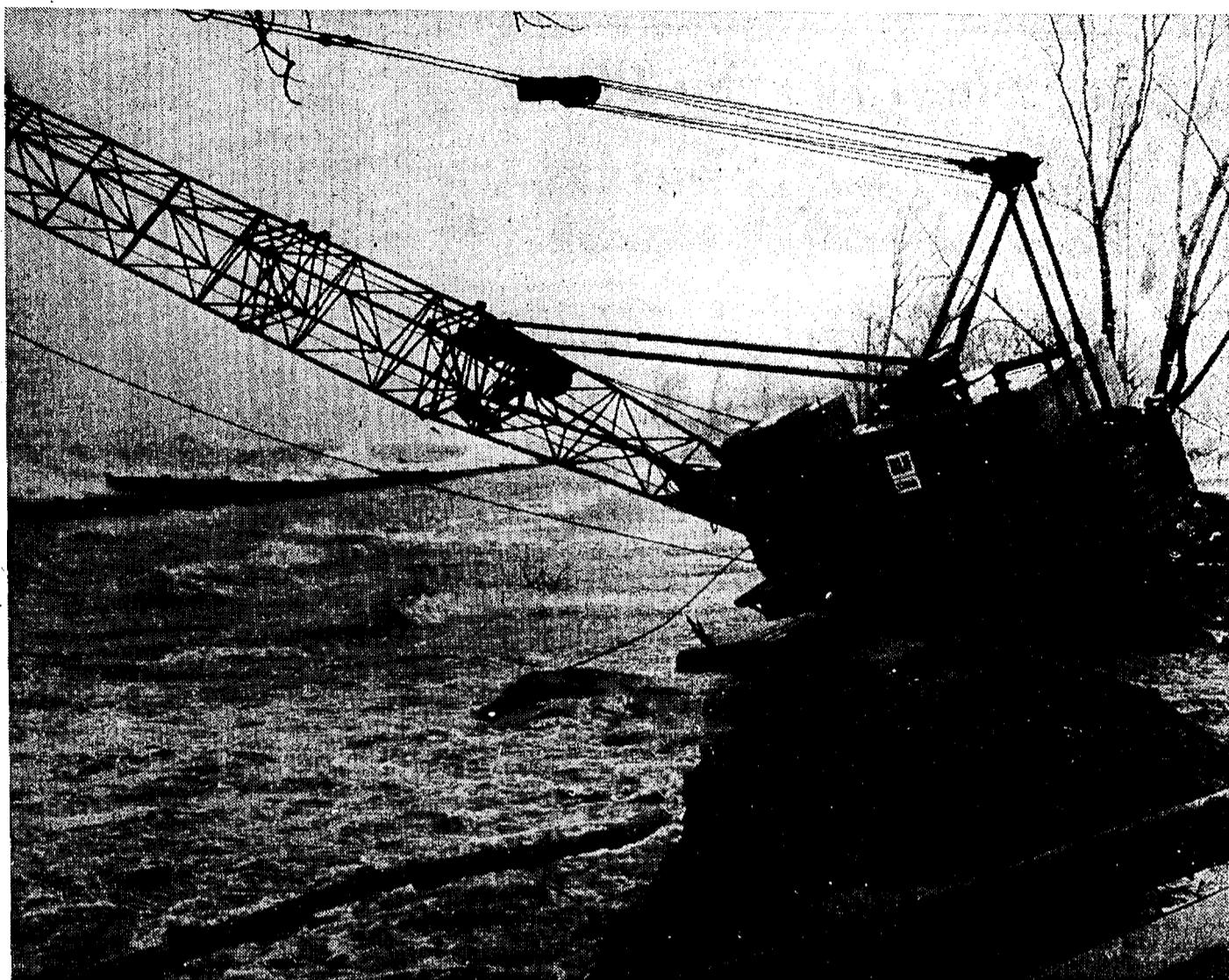


DONALD T. MEAD
Found in church



JOSEPH KRING
Plays key role

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RESCUER NEEDS TO BE RESCUED: This construction crane used to build a seawall to protect Lions Park drive in St. Joseph was endangered Saturday as high waves leaped over the new seawall and undermined the earth beneath the machinery. The crane was in danger

Wind-Whipped Crisis Erosion Loss Huge!

The Lake Michigan shoreline "disaster area" in Berrien county became more acute over the weekend as storm-lashed waves continued to eat away at the ravaged shoreline. Heavy damage was inflicted on the shoreline along the length of Berrien county and in neighboring Van Buren county and Indiana.

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Lake Michigan's high water was whipped into a frenzy

Saturday by west winds that gusted up to 50 miles an hour between 1 and 6 p.m. Saturday, according to the St. Joseph Coast Guard station. Earlier Saturday, Ross field reported gusts to 60 mph.

At St. Joseph, wind and waves collapsed a garage

Saturday and two privately-maintained seawalls were crumbled in the 1100 block of Lions Park drive.

The embattled village of Grand Beach in south Berrien county sustained a further threat to its water system as access to the pumping station was washed away.

For a time, the station was completely encircled by water because a seawall collapsed.

However, village officials said the station was still operating this morning despite loss of the stairway leading to it.

At nearby Michiana, waves threatened several homes and

a section of Lake Shore drive.

Mayor Leonard Jacobs said the bluff was cut to within a few feet of the street, perilously water and natural gas mains.

Just across the state line in Long Beach, Inc., several families evacuated homes when part of a street washed

away.

At South Haven in Van Buren county, sand bags were used to protect property. There were no reports of buildings being washed away. Hundreds of feet of snow fencing on South Haven

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FDR, MISSY LEHAND, ELEANOR

Son Reveals FDR's Love Life

NEW YORK (AP) — Franklin D. Roosevelt and his secretary "shared a completely familial existence" that was acknowledged and accepted by Mrs. Roosevelt, according to a forthcoming book by Elliot Roosevelt.

Elliot Roosevelt, the second oldest son of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt, writes that Marguerite "Missy" LeHand had a bedroom next to his father's in the governor's mansion in Albany and later lived in an apartment in the White House.

"She was on call by Father, and only Father, seven days a week, 24 hours a day," Roosevelt writes in the second series of book excerpts being published by Ladies Home Journal.

In the first article, which appeared in the Journal's April issue, Roosevelt wrote that after the birth of his younger brother John in 1916, "My parents never again lived together as husband and wife."

The second series of excerpts from the book, "An Untold Story: The Roosevelts of Hyde Park," will appear in the May issue.

The other four children in the family have publicly disassociated themselves from their brother's work.

Roosevelt writes that his father made no attempt to



MISS EAU CLAIRE
Helen McCracken



MISS NEW TROY
Marcia Hartert



MISS COLOMA
Susan Jane Davis



MISS LAWRENCE
Paula Muday

BLOSSOM QUEENS: Four southwestern Michigan high school seniors were chosen Blossom Queens of their communities in contests delayed until last night

by Saturday's snowstorm. They will represent their communities in the 1973 Miss Blossomtime pageant April 16 in Benton Harbor. An estimated 2,000 persons

attended four contests despite the postponement. Stories on page 8.

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Editorial Page

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Agency Shop Has No Place In Public Labor Contracts

Mrs. Carol Applegate, a veteran school teacher in the Grand Blanc, Mich., system is a lady of conviction. In 1970 she refused to pay dues to the union representing Grand Blanc teachers as collective bargaining agent. She doesn't believe in unions.

For her conviction, she was fired by the Grand Blanc school board because the board had an agency shop clause in its contract with the Grand Blanc chapter of the Michigan Education Association (MEA). An agency shop clause requires non-union members to pay the equivalent of union dues as a condition of employment.

Mrs. Applegate fought her dismissal. The State Tenure Commission and later a circuit court upheld the dismissal. But the State Appeals Court reversed those decisions and the Grand Blanc board reinstated Mrs. Applegate in January of 1972, ruling she did not have to pay the union.

Later in 1972, there was an even more conclusive ruling against agency shop clauses. By a vote of six to one, the State Supreme Court ruled that public unions may not have agency shops in which non-union members are compelled to pay membership fees.

The Supreme Court skirted the specific question of whether non-union members could legally be compelled to pay a share of collective bargaining expenses to the union. It might still be possible just for

that, but not for any political or other union activities.

The opening, however, was not deemed too risky by the MEA and other public unions like the Michigan Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees. They began lobbying to get the Legislature to re-write the Public Employment Relations Act to include agency shop clauses.

Last week, their lobbying efforts began to pay off. The House of Representatives, by a vote of 85 to 18, passed a bill allowing agency shop clauses in contracts for public employees. The bill now goes to the Senate where, hopefully, the Upper Chamber will give a little more thought to individual freedom and kill the measure.

As this newspaper has stated editorially, before:

Private industry is one thing; if management and labor decide they like an agency shop, that's their business. But to require economic fealty to a particular union as the price for public employment is unthinkable. No sensible parent wants his child exposed solely to the beliefs of certain trade union; or required to support that union. And no prudent citizen would want to be protected solely by members or financial supporters of the Ku Klux Klan or Black Panthers if either one of those agencies happened to garner the votes to be bargaining agent for all the the union. It might still be possible just for

Peacekeeper Canada Finds The Going Sticky

Canada is trying hard to be purer than Caesar's wife in Vietnam. Merely being a member of the International Commission for Control and Supervision (ICCS), however, is somewhat like being discovered at a Roman orgy: It's difficult to explain that you were invited only to observe and report. Dispatching foreign officers to Vietnam last January, Prime Minister Trudeau confessed he had "misgivings" about the whole thing.

Ottawa very nearly refused when it was asked, along with Poland, Hungary and Indonesia, to police the Viet peace. Foreign Minister Mitchell Sharp told the International Conference on Vietnam in Paris that Canada did not want to get involved "once again in an intractable position and an open-ended commitment." When none of the Canadian conditions for membership were met, it decided to go anyway—but only on a 60-day trial basis.

Nothing has since happened to make Canada feel more comfortable. Violations of the cease-fire take place every day and the ICCS is powerless to report them, let alone stop them. Unless something is done, wrote a veteran observer, "the whole peace-keeping machinery... will almost inevitably falter."

Canadians have been involved in virtually every international peace-keeping venture since World War II and are

acknowledged experts at it. In a few cases—the Suez crisis of 1956 and currently in Cyprus—the United Nations operations were successful. But in most, wrote Ottawa journalist Peter Ward, "the result has been frustration, stagnation, expense and renewed fighting."

Nineteen years in the old International Control Commission, set up to observe the Geneva accords on Indochina in 1954, was the least rewarding experience of all. Canada was teamed up with India and Poland in that one. "We never agreed on anything," recalled a Canadian diplomat. "The Indians were as neutral as... well, Stalin."

Canadian fears that Poland and Hungary would hamstring the new commission have already been realized. Michel Gauvin, Canada's chief delegate to the ICCS, complained recently that "two members" of the commission refused to investigate a reported North Vietnamese military buildup near Khesan.

A Canadian withdrawal could well scuttle the commission and the cease-fire.

Foreign Minister Sharp left Ottawa March 13 for urgent talks with leaders in Saigon and Hanoi. The trip is seen as a last chance for the two sides to give assurances that the commission will be allowed to become effective. If it isn't, the world's foremost peace warden will pack up its reputation and go home—no later than March 29.

Meaningless Exhibition

A too large segment of the world diplomatic corps delights in condemning colonialism when it is safe to do so, when the object of scorn is not a colonialist power at all. Usually the target is the United States, which has to be as far

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Diplomatic Party Tiring Rat Race



WASHINGTON (NEA) — almost as backdrops for pomp and show. The people I know in the U.S. diplomatic service or in consistent contact with it are generally appalled, annoyed and bored stiff with the amount of party-giving and party-going that constitutes a veritable hallmark of life in the realms of diplomacy.

I can't speak for our ambassadors, career or otherwise. My links are with middle-echelon types — economic and political attachés, consuls, and the like. Though their competence and hence their usefulness to this country abroad varies widely, they have passed severe tests and done much studying to get where they are. Mostly they are highly dedicated, serious-minded people who want to work.

It is no exaggeration to say that some are literally exhausted, in spirit if not in body, by the endless round of parties which are a built-in feature of their every foreign assignment — with some exceptions in certain Soviet-dominated Iron Curtain countries.

How long this furious party pace has been a custom I have no idea. I only know that I've been listening to complaints about it from people in the U.S. Foreign Service for nearly two decades.

Obviously the blame for this phenomenon can't be laid principally at America's door. You can safely generalize and say that Europeans, particularly, are traditionally great lovers of ceremony. As author Lewis Mumford long ago pointed out in his classic study of the development of cities, European capitals for the most part were laid out

almost as backdrops for pomp and show.

There is nothing wrong with ceremony, either here or abroad, knows, to, that the food tables always have a lush look.

If you happen to be a fairly well-off middle class citizen given to having an occasional party at home, you know well what that costs. Imagine the price tag on a typical, large-scale diplomatic blow-out.

All this may sound a little like the 1950-style assaults, mostly by political conservatives, against the "striped-pants boys" in the State Department and the Foreign Service.

GLANCING BACKWARDS

ASK DELAY OF CONSTRUCTION

— 1 Year Ago —

St. Joseph township board last night asked the Berrien County Road commission to delay reconstructing Cleveland avenue until after the new sewer line is installed.

The action is designed to save upwards of \$300,000 which would boost the cost of the sewer installation if put in after the road was laid. Cleveland avenue is scheduled to be rebuilt from Hilltop road to Glenoard road but no one in

THE TOWNSHIP OFFICIAL FAMILY KNOWS WHEN.

continues to fall this afternoon and most of this evening. Telephones at the Herald-Press were ringing throughout the noon hour as St. Joseph residents called to report unusual happenings due to the weather.

JAP BISMARCK LINES CRUMBLE

— 29 Years Ago —

Japanese positions running the Bismarck sea apparently are nearing collapse under tripod hammer allied blows.

At the north entrance to the Southwest Pacific sea, American captured Lorengau airbase on Manus Island in the Admiralty group, allied headquarters said today, and were last reported within 600 yards of Lorengau township, largest village in the Admiralties.

ANNOUNCE CAST

— 39 Years Ago —

Frances Lambert and Henry Anderson will have the main roles in the St. Joseph high school senior play, "Skidding," to be directed by Miss Ann Ess Dunning. Others in the cast are Ruth Bateman, Robert Stanton, Mary Jane Anderson, Rhea Helfman, Hulda and Arthur Hoffman, Robert Wright and Ralph Hoxie.

BREAK GROUND

— 49 Years Ago —

Ground has been broken for a new home to be built by J. R. Wilkinson in the 1900 Block on Niles avenue.

MAY OPENING

— 59 Years Ago —

The 1914 baseball season will open May 17 at the Edgewater field, and a strong semi-pro team will be booted for the opening.

TO BUILD HOME

— 83 Years Ago —

Preston & Collins have contracted to build a neat two-story residence for A. B. Morse on Forres avenue, adjoining Mr. Rosenberg's new home.

BERRY'S WORLD

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Mr. Church, just what the devil's happening back here in the accounting department?

Marianne Means

Nixon Exercise In Positive Thinking



WASHINGTON — The late Lyndon Johnson used to say the great problem with being President was not in doing right but in knowing what the right thing to do was.

President Richard Nixon, however, seems to have a few such self-doubts. His radio messages on the State of the Union the past month have tended to be evangelistic exercises in positive thinking.

He has expressed his views figuratively in blacks and whites and left little room for grays. He is all sharp angles and rough edges, and for the most part a spirit of compassion is lacking.

This absoluteness of tone creates the impression that the President has more a cocksure than a judicious temperament, which may or may not be a good thing.

His latest speech dealt with crime, and the President called for the death penalty for certain Federal offenses. He sternly dismissed the "permissive philosophy" that social injustice breeds crime. "Society is guilty of crime only when we fail to bring the criminal to justice," he said.

The President is correct that evil is found at all social levels and that individuals must assume responsibility for their own actions. But it is not realistic to suggest that the starving man who steals is not influenced by his poverty or the black woman who hustles is not conditioned by racial indignities. All criminals may not be products of their background, but some are.

In the same unconditional tone, the President announced in another speech that in urban America "the hour of crisis has passed." He did not indicate merely that the decay and decline of the cities are being arrested; he implied that these need no longer be a matter of great concern. Hardly anyone who has visited a major metropolitan area recently can figure out where he got his optimism.

In a radio address outlining his cutbacks in social programs, the President promised that less Federal spending would "give people the assistance they need without taking away their self-reliance and their self-respect." One of his examples of freedom is the liberty of every family "to make its own health care arrangements without bureaucratic meddling."

Phrased another way, that sentence indicates the President is opposed to new broad Federal health care programs and wishes every family to pay its own medical bills.

CONTINUE AID

NEW YORK (AP) — The Ford Foundation, which disperses about \$50 million annually to poor countries, says it has decided to continue its aid program for another decade.



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Twin City
Highlights

BH Liberty Theater May Be Reopened

The Liberty theater in downtown Benton Harbor may reopen its doors if a Benton Harbor partnership can complete negotiations and the city commission will approve a license. The Liberty has been closed since Oct. 29, 1972, but may have a resurrection through the efforts of Eliot Hull, Benton Harbor contractor, and two partners, Ira Williams, of Benton Harbor, and Charles Jenkins, of Detroit.

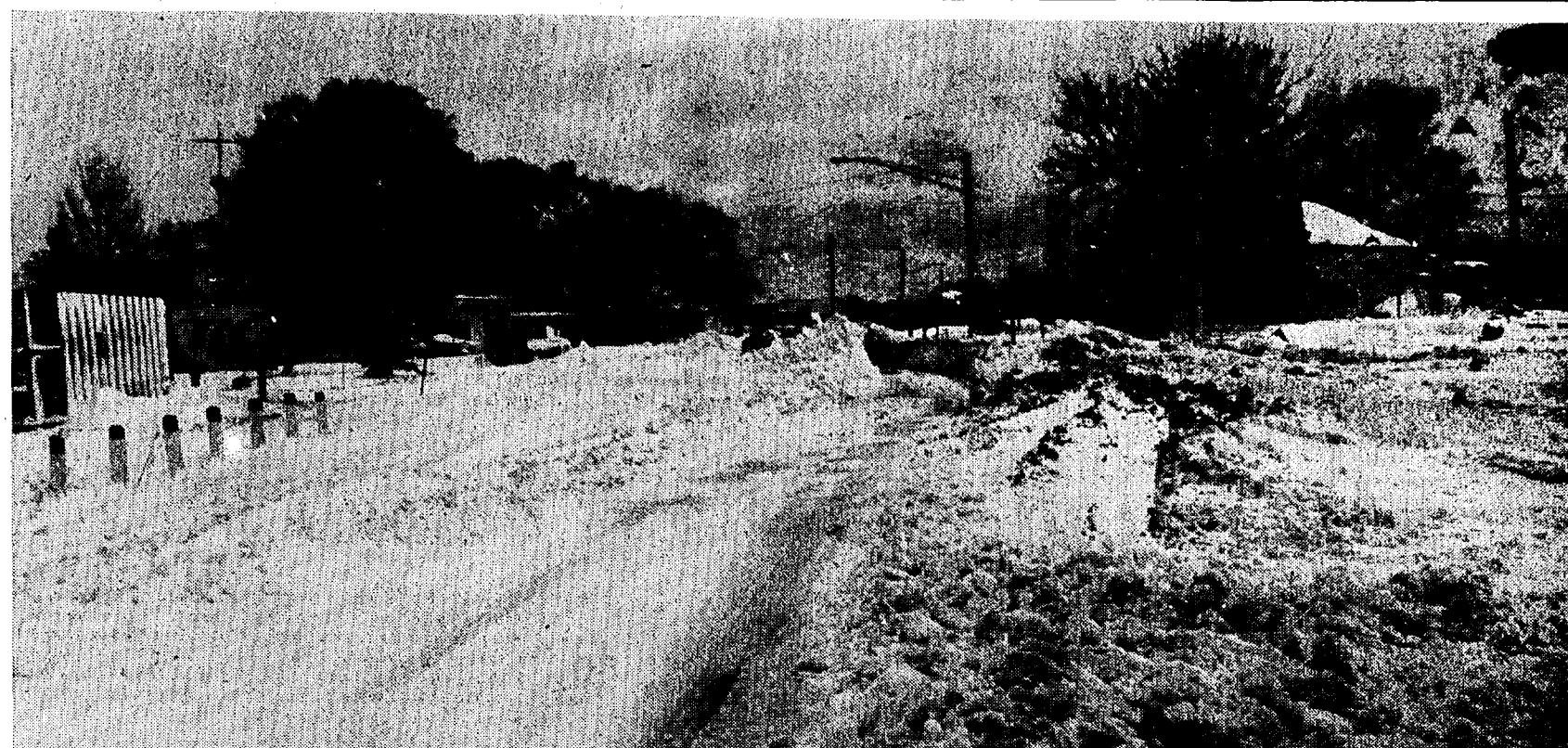
A request for a license to operate the theater is on the agenda of tonight's city commission meeting, however, Hull does not feel any action will be taken immediately.

He said he felt the request would probably be tabled by commissioners until they have a chance to study the request, a standard procedure. During the interim, Hull said contract negotiations could be completed, and everything should be in order by the time the commission acts formally on the request.

Hull declined to state the terms of the purchase, but said the transaction may be completed by this Wednesday.

He did say that he and his partners hope to purchase the theater from a Chicago firm, and would not change the theater's name should they buy it.

The Liberty has been a Benton Harbor landmark at 212 East Main street since it opened in 1922. At present, the State theater is the only movie house in downtown Benton Harbor.



STORM'S AFTERMATH: Stranded car and one barely driveable lane on Red Arrow highway at Territorial road, Benton township, reveal intensity of storm that

hit Southwestern Michigan Saturday. This was one of many areas still to be plowed out Sunday, when all available equipment was in operation. I-94 freeway

Sunday was open from Indiana to Kalamazoo, but blocked completely shut between Kalamazoo and Jackson, a distance of 65 miles. (Staff photo)

Security Chief At Cook



FRANK A. ARSENAULT
Security Supervisor

The appointment of Frank A. Arsenault as security supervisor at the Donald C. Cook Nuclear plant of Indiana & Michigan electric company at Bridgeman was announced today by Robert Jurgensen, plant manager.

Jurgensen said Arsenault, former head of the investigation division of the South Bend police department, would assume his new position immediately and have complete charge of all phases of site security at the nuclear facility both during and after the completion of construction.

A native of South Bend, Arsenault retired recently after more than 20 years on that city's police department.

A graduate of the South Bend Police Academy, Arsenault also attended the Backster

school of Lie Detection in New York, and the homicide investigation study conducted by the University of Cincinnati. He also completed a police seminar conducted by the Chicago police department.

Arsenault and his wife and four sons plan to move to the twin cities' area in the near future.

Six persons sustained apparently minor injuries in four traffic accidents in the Twin City area over the weekend. Police attributed two of the accidents to the weather.

A pedestrian was injured when he was struck by a car near the intersection of Highland and Paw Paw avenues in Benton Harbor Sunday at about 5:30 a.m.

Treated and released by Mercy hospital was William Robinson, 21, of 166 Kirby avenue, Benton Harbor. He sustained a cut finger and a small cut above his right ear, police said.

Driver of the auto that struck Robinson was Willie D. Blanks, 25, of 515 Heck court, Benton Harbor. Police said Blanks was

turning right onto Highland from Paw Paw when his car slid on the snow and ice. Robinson and two friends were in the street, pushing an auto out of a snow drift. Only

Robinson was hit by the auto.

Howard T. Crossman, 18, of 1782 Briarcliff drive, St. Joseph, received scratches to his left hand and knee Sunday at around 5:40 p.m. as a result of an accident at Cleveland avenue and Marquette Woods road, Lincoln township.

Benton Harbor police said Crossman's auto was northbound on Cleveland when it was struck on the left side by a car driven by John H. Opila, 17, La Grange, Ill. Opila told deputies he had stopped on Marquette Woods, then pulled out, without seeing the Crossman car. Opila was ticketed for failure to yield the right of way.

A Coloma area man, John W. Urch, 71, of 6789 Bay View drive, was treated at Memorial

hospital, after his car was sideswiped by another that skidded in deep snow in Lincoln township, Saturday, according to state police at the Benton Harbor post.

The collision occurred about

3:05 p.m., on Glenwood road, just east of Cleveland avenue.

Troopers said a car, driven by Daniel Vergot, Jr., 24, of 6178 Washington, Stevensville, hit a snow drift and skidded into the oncoming Urch auto. No summonses were issued, troopers stated.

Benton Harbor police said three persons were treated at Mercy hospital and released, after a two-car collision at Empire and Superior, about 6:15 p.m. Saturday.

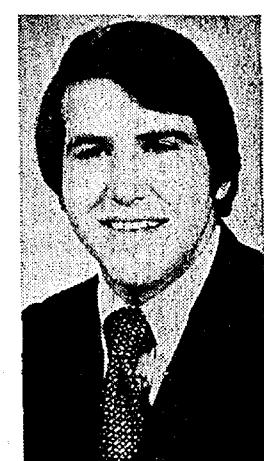
Treated were Dorothy Ellis,

18, of 710 Lavette, Benton Harbor; Michelle Ellis, 2, of the same address; and Albert Clabin, Jr., 2, of 278 Britain, Benton Harbor. Police said

they were passengers in a car, driven east on Empire by Peggy Lee Clabin, 21, of 278 Britain.

The other driver, traveling north on Superior, was identified as James Louis Yates, 22, of 1038 Superior, Benton Harbor. Officers said Yates was booked on a charge of driving under the influence of intoxicants.

Schuler's Has New Manager



ROSS RACINE
Schuler's Manager

Appointment of Ross Racine as manager of Win Schuler's restaurant, Stevensville, was announced by Vince Broomhall, director of restaurant operations for Win Schuler Restaurants, Inc.

Racine has been with the Schuler organization since 1967, starting at Stevensville, then transferring to Jackson as assistant manager. He managed Schuler's in Marshall and Schuler's Grate Steak in Grand Haven before returning to Stevensville.

Racine studied hotel and

restaurant management at

Storm Was Deterrent To Crime

License Hours Extended

The weekend storm that kept most people at home also was a deterrent to crime in the Twin City area. Police reported only two thefts from residences and one from a car.

Dallas Taylor of 2274 Irving drive, Benton township, told township police that sometime between Friday night and Sunday morning his residence was burglarized and a shotgun and some records were stolen.

Phin Shannon Jr., 5018 Cleveland avenue, Stevensville, told Benton township police Sunday that his car was broken into Friday night when it was parked in the Fairplain plaza lot. He said a tape player and 10 tapes were stolen, valued at \$220.

Gabine Marrero of 346 South Fair avenue, Benton Harbor, told Benton Harbor police that a television was stolen from his apartment Sunday at around 11 a.m. Police said entry was gained into the apartment by prying the lock off the door.

The slashing of tires on three cars, parked in a restaurant parking lot in Lincoln township, was investigated Saturday by Berrien sheriff's officers.

The vandalism at Ritter's restaurant, 5800 Red Arrow highway, included slashing three tires on one car, owned by George Ritter, and four tires on each of two cars, owned by Andrew Feola and Ross Julian, deputies said.

Sparks erupted but there was no damage when a tree fell over a transformer behind the Nelson Thumm home, 2611 Willa drive, St. Joseph. Firemen were there from 10:20 to 11:21 a.m.

One crew was dispatched to

1:25 p.m.

National Group Names Loftus Board Chairman



C. T. LOFTUS
Heads National Group

C. Tiffany Loftus, executive vice president of Benton Harbor Mercy hospital, has been elected board chairman of the Commission of Professional and Hospital Activities (CPHA).

Loftus and Mercy hospital were instrumental in founding the national hospital organization 20 years ago. The incorporation papers for the organization were signed by Loftus and two other "founding fathers" at Benton Harbor Mercy hospital in 1955, two years after the initial organization of the Professional Activity Study.

Dr. Virgil N. Sree, M.D., CPHA president, said in making the announcement of Loftus' election, "We are pleased to again look to Benton Harbor Mercy hospital for our leadership as Mr. Loftus and

the hospital were instrumental in the organization of the Professional Activity Study." Originally, CPHA was an experimental organization of 13 Southwestern Michigan hospitals. Today, the organization has grown to include over 1,700 hospitals in the United States and Canada.

The Professional Activity Study is a monthly computerized status report on hospital activities published by the Commission. The report is based on daily information on patient discharges from each hospital. The information, when correlated, is supplied to individual hospitals, giving each a comparative analysis of its medical and administrative functions.

The Commission can also furnish each member hospital

with an item by item comparison between itself and other hospitals of its type and size.

Participating hospitals are expected to contribute over 14,000,000 abstracts of patients' medical records to the Professional Activity Study Data Library this year. The library, containing information on nearly 83,000,000 patients, is the world's largest resource of medical record information.

In addition to his duties as CPHA board chairman, Loftus will represent the Southwestern Michigan Hospital Council to the national organization. As the new board chairman, he replaces Dr. Darrell Campbell, M.D., who represented the American College of Surgeons.

Loftus, top Mercy hospital administrator since 1952, has long been active in hospital associations. He was Michigan Hospital Association president in 1964-65. He has represented Michigan to the American Hospital Association, and was a Michigan Blue Cross trustee. In 1968, Loftus was awarded the Michigan Hospital Association Key Award for Meritorious Service.

Two hours sped by like minutes when Peter Nero performed contemporary piano music before a sell-out crowd Saturday night.

His concert was given in Lakeshore high school's auditorium under auspices of Civic Benefit club which will donate proceeds to the new center being built at Berrien Springs for the Berrien County Association for Retarded

Children.

Neither the artist nor the audience was kept away from the auditorium by Saturday's storm.

Truly a master of the piano and a man of tremendous talent, Nero played a variety of 20th century music, ranging from Cole Porter's "Night and Day" to some of today's songs such as "What The World Needs Now."

He was backed by drums and bass guitar with both providing

appropriate background for him and, in variations on "Lonesome Blues," according spectacular solo demonstrations.

For the George Gershwin fans there were two numbers: the score from "Porgy and Bess" and "I've Got Rhythm" — both inimitable Nero style.

Particularly soothing and sweet with less Nero variations were his performances of two themes — that of the movie, "Love Story" and that of the

TV special, "Brian's Song."

And controversial though it may be, "Jesus Christ, Superstar" has provided a song that must become a classic — "I Don't Know How To Love Him." Nero's interpretation of that song and the title song from the play were especially dramatic.

Nero's audience was all ages Saturday night and his music appealed to them all — emphasizing his ability to musically bridge the generation gap.

Mrs. Burton Carle and Mrs. Ralph Emlong were general chairman for the show.

Assisting them as committee chairmen were Mrs. Richard Washburn, Mrs. David Learned, Mrs. Stephen Docter, Mrs. Ronald Taylor, Mrs. William Aldredge, Mrs. Roger Curry, Mrs. Scott Mahon, Mrs. Andrew West, Mrs. Hampton, Mrs. John Sharon, Mrs. Peter Roe and Mrs. John Lateulere.

Nero Turns Hours Into Minutes

Talented Pianist Thrills All Ages

Playboy Pondered

HOLLAND, Mich. (AP) — "Birds of North America" — Yes! "Playboy Magazine" — Well, maybe. The Holland City Council, which controls the Herrick Public Library in this western Michigan city of 26,000, has unanimously accepted donation of the bird book. But it postponed until Wednesday a decision on an offer of a one-year subscription to "Playboy Magazine" from an anonymous donor.

Councilmen Elmer Wissink was disappointed by the move:

"I hoped if the 'subscription' would have increased traffic to the library," he said.

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Area
Highlights

Waves Tear, Men Repair Michigan Shore



NEW SEAWALL: A new seawall has been installed at base of bluff below Sisters of Good Shepard convent, Shoreham. Visible at upper left is Bendix plant. New seawall hopes to prevent further erosion of bluff, which

took two small trees near corner of house since last spring. Grass-covered portion of bluff, right, last year extended to in front of house. (Aerial photos by Adolph Hann)



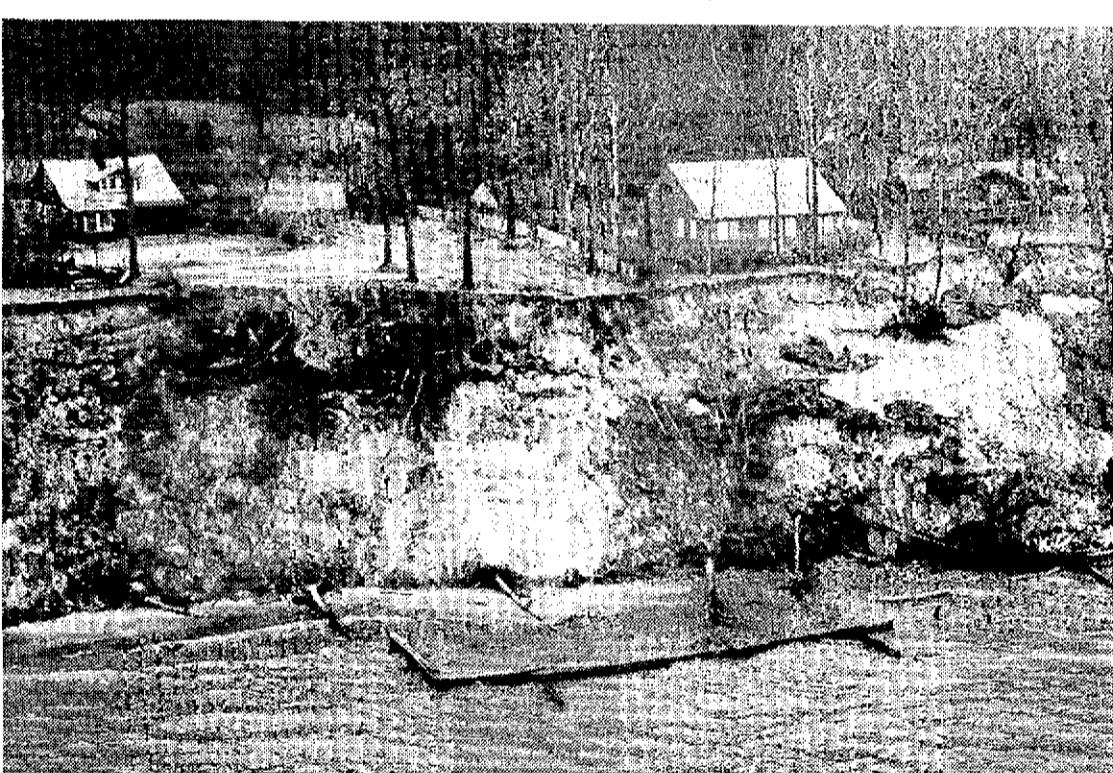
\$26,600 ATTEMPT: Seawall installed at Warren Dunes state park on emergency basis after lake's relentless action cut back to beach house, middle one of three at beach, cost state \$26,600. Installed this winter, structure is 110 feet long, pilings are sunk 20 feet into ground, but

wave action appears to be flanking south (right) and already. Center beach house was first of three constructed at park, cost \$250,000 in 1971. Later two beach houses are a bit further from edge.



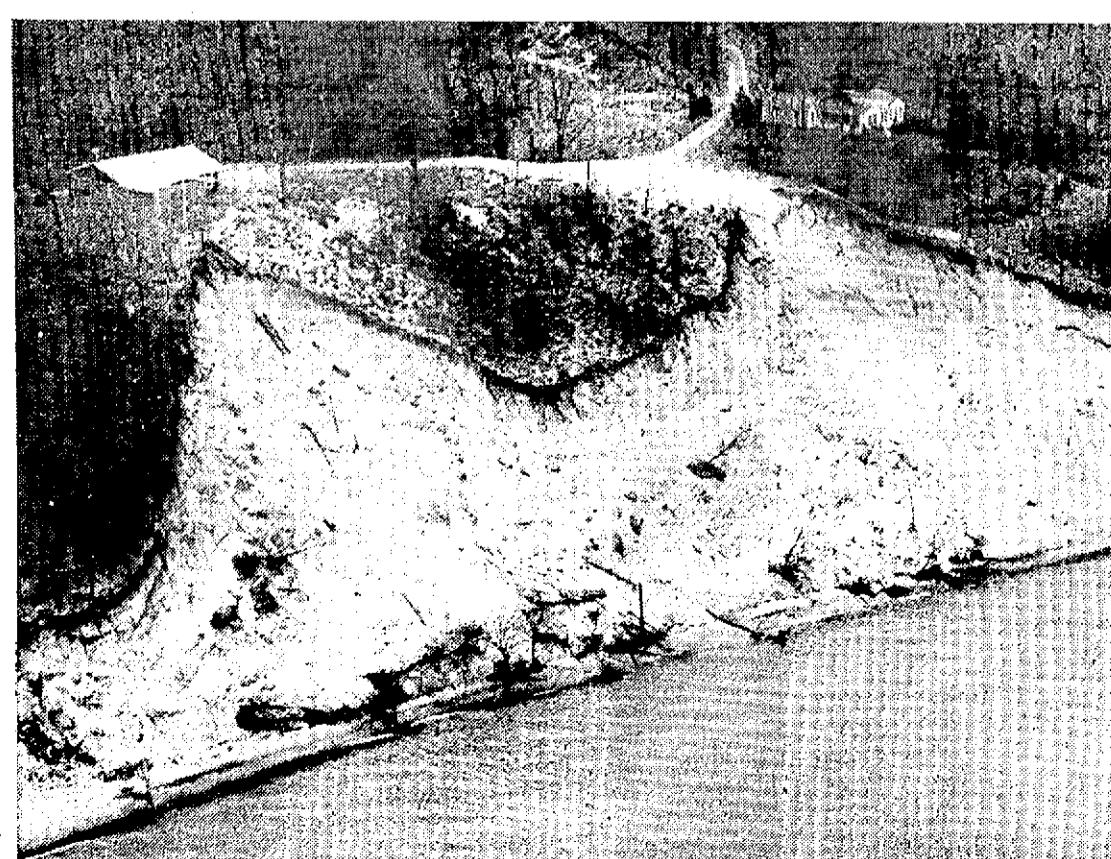
WEKO BEACH EFFORTS: Attempts to preserve beach at popular Bridgeman bathing spot, Weko beach, include redistributing sand with bulldozer. Bulldozer is object to right of beach house; dark markings on beach are its tracks. Weko has lost 125 feet of beach in last

three year years, Robert Anderson, city water plant superintendent, estimated late last year. He said in December waves were lapping at back of beach house when wave action was high.



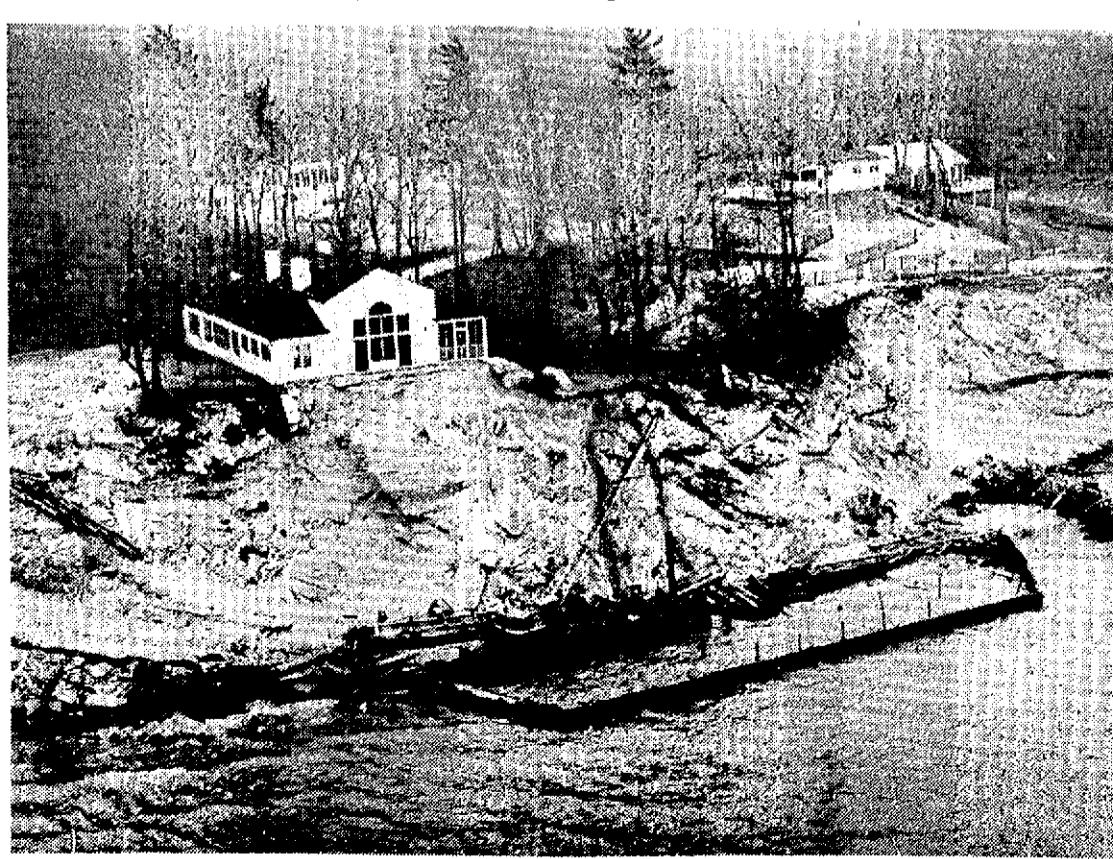
NEUTRALIZED SEAWALL: Seawall in front of Grand Mere cottage has been neutralized by waves' tireless action, broken in middle (at right) and flanked on left

end. Collapsing bluff is littered with fallen trees and bits of stairway, edge of bluff is within feet of back of cottage.



EROSION SLASHING AT BLUFF: High bluff in Grand Mere area has yielded to Lake Michigan, threatening

residence, upper left. Bluff is unprotected by any erosion-control structures.



SEAWALL BEING INSTALLED: Steel seawall backstopping a previously-installed wall is being installed in effort to protect residence owned by Chicago

man in Maquette Woods area. Bluff has eroded to edge of building.